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Via Electronic Submission

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

***Re: Notice of Ex Parte Communication
WT Docket No. 05-265***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter is to inform you that on March 9, 2006, Luisa L. Lancetti, Roger C. Sherman, and Wes Coffindaffer of Sprint Nextel Corporation (“Sprint Nextel”) met with David Furth, John Branscome, Paul Murray, Eli Johnson, Walter Strack, Eugenie Barton, Heidi Kroll, and Nese Guendelsberger of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau to discuss the Commission’s pending *Reexamination of Roaming Obligations of Commercial Mobile Radio Service Providers*.

Sprint Nextel’s Director of Domestic Roaming Wes Coffindaffer provided an overview of Sprint Nextel roaming practices and an explanation of the various types of roaming arrangements that Sprint Nextel has entered into over the past several years. Mr. Coffindaffer explained that Sprint Nextel has approximately 90 domestic roaming agreements currently in effect, at varying terms and rates.

Consistent with its written comments in this proceeding, Sprint Nextel emphasized that a new regulation governing roaming agreements between wireless carriers would not be in the public interest. Indeed, such a rule could lead to increased prices, reduced investment and substantial harm to consumers. Moreover, such a rule would require complicated, highly regulatory actions by the Commission such as determining whether carriers are “similarly situated” and whether prices are “fair.” Finally, Sprint Nextel noted that the impact on *consumers* should be the focus of the Commission’s inquiry, not the business plans or revenue streams of certain wireless providers.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s rules, this letter is being electronically filed with your office. Please associate this letter with the file in the above referenced proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Roger C. Sherman
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